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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 27th, 1886.

Two projects for a steamship line between

Mexico and China would appear not to have

been abandoned, though as yet no vessels

have been laid on the berth, with the excep-

tion of the steamer *Mount Lebanon* in October,

1884, which, however, did not proceed

from Hongkong. At all events, we find a

reference in a recent issue of the *Alta Cal-*

ifornia to the Mexican Pacific Navigation

Company in connection with the announce-

ment of the chartering of the British steamer

Savannah to run between Victoria, British

Columbia, and Manzanillo, Mexico, touching

at San Francisco. The *Alta* goes on to say:

—The line will connect at Manzanillo with

the line of steamers for Hongkong, which

has been subsidised by the Mexican Govern-

ment to make frequent and regular trips be-

tween China and Mexico. It is true the

Mexican Pacific Navigation Company was

formed to establish monthly communication

between Mexican ports and Hongkong, but

beyond chartering one steamer a year and a

half ago it has never done anything. Whether

the scheme has really collapsed or not

we are unable to say, but the statement in

the *Alta* gives the erroneous impression that

not only is the Company in existence but that

it is actually working. Our contemporaries

on the other side of the Pacific ought to

be better informed on matters of this

kind, especially as they are deeply interested

in Chinese immigration. The tide of this

immigration seems to be setting in for the

southern republic, where the Chinese are

welcomed eagerly. According to the *Alta*,

Mexico is going to import Chinese labour

on a large scale, and will take all whom

British Columbia and the United States reject.

Perhaps, if this be the case, and the rejection

we know are pretty numerous, the Mexicans

will be able to get as many Chinese im-

migrants as they require without subsidizing

a direct line of steamers to Hongkong. It

is rather remarkable, considering the anxiety

shown by Mexican planters and others for

Chinese labour, and seeing that China con-

tinues to large a proportion of the outflow

of that republic should not have sought to

enter into treaty relations with China. The

idea has, we believe, been mooted in Mexico,

but with the procrastination and apathy char-

acteristic of so many of the Spanish char-

acteristics, it has never developed into action.

It would be interesting to have some particulars

as to the numbers of Chinese immigrants

now in Mexico and in what employments

they are engaged. If the immigration into

Mexico assumes large proportions it will be

most desirable for China to have a treaty

with that country and appoint a Representa-

tive to reside in the city of Mexico who could

watch over the interests of the immigrants.

The London and China Express, like the N.

C. Daily News, has a correspondent in Can-

ton who indulges in rather alarming and

most decidedly pessimistic views of things

in our London contemporary's Canton writer,

under date of the 25th January, has the fol-

lowing among other rather speculative gos-

sips:—"Foreign newspapers published in

Hongkong do not say anything about ap-

prehended disturbances, but it is neverthe-

less a fact that grave fears of serious trou-

ble are now agitating the minds of the local

Magistrate, who for the good reason that there are new
fewer portions of such a revolution than
there were twenty, ten, or even five years
ago. That there may be some slumbering
disaffection in the empire may be promp-

ly conceded; but the Manchus have never been
believed; but they are not hated and con-

demned for their failures, as the correspond-

ent of the *Express* would make out. So
far from that being the case the Peking Go-

vernment have of late years considerably
strengthened their hold over the provinces

and are in a position to speedily suppress
rebellion in almost any part of the em-

pire, however remote. With regard to
foreign relations, too, they have several

successful instead of checks to chronicle.
They have obstructed the Japanese in Korea;

they have checked the moves of Russia
towards the peninsula of Korea; they have

tended the French occupation of Tonquin
and Annam so costily and dangerous as to

induce the French people to wish for a policy
of gradual withdrawal; and they have some-

what embarrassed England by a demand for
the cession of a portion of Upper Burma.

This certainly cannot be construed into an
inability to defend the empire against for-

eign encroachments. The London and China
Express cannot be congratulated on the

propensity of its correspondent. Can this
prophet of woe be the same personage as the

oracle who the other day predicted, with
every appearance of confidence, the forth-

coming early renewal of hostilities between
France and China?

The delivery of the English mail was begun
at 1.15 p.m. yesterday.

Our readers are reminded that the Hongkong
Schools Athletic Sports will take place to-

day on the Cricket Ground commencing punctually
at 1.30 p.m.

The Agent informs us that the Austrian
Hungarian Lloyd's N. C. Co. steamer *Bertha*

from Trieste, left Singapore for this port on
Tuesday morning.

Upon being docked yesterday the U. S. cor-

vette *Albatross* was found to have sustained no
damages by her recent grounding on the Spit

Rock in the Canton River.

The Hongkong papers state that the telegraph
system in Hongkong will eventually be extended

to the north as far as the 18th degree of
latitude, and will be a most important

feature of the new station, almost on the borders
of Western China, should be linked with Hong-

It is announced from

